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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8 and 9 as follows:

- 8. (Three Times Amended) Implant according to claim 7, wherein the peripheris of the different non-circular or eccentric thread cross-sections have bevelled corners.
- 9. (Three Times Amended) Implant according to claim 7, wherein the non-circularity is arranged such that areas of maximum diameter are displaced in the peripheral direction from one thread turn to the next thread turn.